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In re Application of:)	
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For: ENCODED DATA GENERATION)	
METHOD AND APPARATUS,	:	
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METHOD AND APPARATUS	:	April 18, 2008

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed, except for the listed U.S. Patent Documents.

Each of the listed documents was cited in an Office Action dated January 18, 2008 from the Japanese Patent Office in connection with a counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed.

It is noted that JPA 2003-169216, cited in that Japanese Office Action, was previously cited to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 29, 2007. Accordingly, JPA 2003-169216 is not being again cited on the attached PTO-1449 form.

For the concise explanation of relevance of JPA 09-259263, the Examiner is referred to the English translation attached hereto.

For the concise explanation of relevance of JPA 2001-209566, the Examiner is referred to the English translation attached hereto.

For the concise explanation of relevance of JPA 06-098125, the Examiner is referred to the English-language abstract attached hereto, as well as to counterpart U.S. Patent Nos. 5,481,374 and 5,812,283.

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement (except for the U.S. Patents being cited as counterparts as noted above) was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

While no fee is believed to be due in connection with this paper, please charge any fee that may be due to our Deposit Account 503939.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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